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Docket No.: 50107-468

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
 Robert D. FARRIS, et al. :  
 Serial No.: :  
 (Continuation of Serial No. 08/931,985) : Group Art Unit:  
 Filed: July 17, 2000 : Examiner:

For: TELEPHONY COMMUNICATION VIA VARIED REDUNDANT NETWORKS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 35, line 15, change "312" to --112--;

line 16, change "314" to --114--; and

line 17, change "316" to --116--.

Page 36, line 5, change "312" to --112--;

line 6, change "310" to --110--;

line 7, change "320" to --120--;

line 12, change "342" to --124--; and

line 13, change "326" to --126--.

Page 37, line 4, change "330" to --130--; and

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line 10, change "332" to -132--.

Page 51, line 19, change "5,475,732" to -5,478,732--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 9 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of voice communication between two terminals including the steps of:

establishing a voice communication link between said terminals via a first landline public packet switched network;

[communicating by] carrying voice information between said terminals over said link; monitoring [a parameter of said] quality of service of communication in said public packet switched network;

establishing a second voice communication link between said terminals via a second landline packet switched network when said monitored [parameter] quality of service departs from a predetermined value.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein said establishment of said second voice communication link occurs automatically [responsive to said parameter departing from said predetermined value in excess of a predetermined limit] in response to the monitored quality of service falling below a predetermined threshold.

9. (Amended) A method [according to claim 6] of voice communication between two terminals including the steps of:  
establishing a voice communication link between said terminals via a first packet network;  
communicating by voice between said terminals over said link;  
monitoring a parameter of said communication; and  
establishing a second voice communication link between said terminals via a second packet network when said monitored parameter departs from a predetermined value;  
wherein said terminals are connected to said first and second voice communication links via a switched network and  
wherein said second packet network comprises a control network for said switched network.

**REMARKS**

The preliminary amendment is being filed to incorporate the preliminary amendments as filed in parent application Serial No. 08/931,985. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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